

ESSAYS FROM FOURTH GRADERS AT CASEY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AUBURN, NY

The young dreamers have a goal that one day the world will be a better place for everyone in our country. The young dreamers celebrate the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation so they can continue to dream. After all, the young dreamers future goals are in your hands.

(By Sydnee Lawson, David Clark, and Brianna Hotaling.)

The torch of freedom has passed from time to time to generation to generation and it must be kept and honored as it was all those years ago. It shouldn't be thrown away because of dishonor and terrorism.

(By Dominika Donch, Noah Donch, Makrina Donch, and Nathaniel Donch.)

We are fortunate to have the freedom we have. Some countries do not have as much freedom as we have. Now we have a lot to worry about. We are so fortunate that President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Today we have the joy of freedom.

(By Stephanie Leontovich, Tyler VanTassell, Amber Foster, Anthony Jesmer and Scott Blauvelt.)

We believe all people are created equal and need to live in unity and peace.

(By Diamoneek Wingate, Loretta Holbert, Sarah Lowe, Tina Horsford, Beth Harvey, Tony Frazier, Brandon Crawford, and Andre Thomas.)

I have a dream, that one day all people of the world, Iraqis, Afghanis, Russians, and any other culture will come together and act fairly to one and another. I have a dream of no terrorism. I have a dream of no violence but coming out and talking it over like men. I have a dream of living in a society with no prejudice. I have a dream of no racism. I have a dream of no fighting over religion but having peace and love. I have a dream that this world will help one and another of different culture and religions. I have a dream.

(By Jared Ford.)

ATTORNEY MURRAY UFBERG CHOSEN FOR B'NAI B'RITH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the selection of my good friend Attorney Murray Ufberg for the prestigious Community Service Award by the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge of B'nai B'rith of Wilkes-Barre. He will be presented with the award at the lodge's 57th annual Lincoln Day Dinner on February 9, 2003.

Murray is a very fitting choice for this award. In addition to his active role in local government and economic development, his deep commitment to Northeastern Pennsylvania and his leadership in one of the most prominent and well-respected law firms in the area, he is a leader in the region's Jewish community.

I have known Murray for more than 30 years and have enormous respect for his legal ability as well as his dedication to improving the community.

He was born July 30, 1943, in Danville, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Wyoming Seminary in 1960, earned a bachelor of arts from Bucknell University in 1964 and graduated with a juris doctor degree from the Duquesne University School of Law in 1968.

Murray has risen to the rank of managing partner with Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald in Wilkes-Barre. From 1991 to 1994, he served as chairman of the hearing committee of the disciplinary board of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Examples of his dedication to community service abound. They include his service as chairman of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership, Inc., from 2000 to the present; and chairman of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre, 1993 to 1997 and from 2000 to the present; and a member of the board of trustees of College Misericordia and the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre, the Jewish Community Center of the Wyoming Valley, and WVIA-TV/FM/HDTV.

Murray is also past chairman of the board of directors of the United Way of the Wyoming Valley, from 1992 to 1994, and its general campaign in 1990. He is also past president of the Ohav Zedek Synagogue in Wilkes-Barre, from 1986 to 1988; the Jewish Community Center of the Wyoming Valley, from 1982 to 1983; the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge of B'nai B'rith, from 1970 to 1974; and the Duquesne University School of Law Alumni Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania, from 1997 to 1999.

He and his beautiful and gracious wife Margery have three children, Aaron, Joshua and Rachel.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the well-deserved selection of Attorney Murray Ufberg for the Community Service Award, and I wish him and his family all the best.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAMIE LEVIN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I rise today to recognize Jamie Levin of Telluride, Colorado. Jamie is a slalom snowboard racer for the Telluride Ski and Snowboard team and has been setting the standard for speed throughout Colorado and the nation. Jamie represented the United States at Canada's World Cup Snowboard Races last December. In recognition of her success and accomplishments on the slopes, I would like to pay tribute to Jamie before this body of Congress and this nation.

As the Congressman who represents many of Colorado's ski areas, I understand the significance that Coloradans place upon their winter sports. Colorado is the home to many skiers and snowboarders who train year round to remain in top physical condition. Competition throughout the state is fierce, and there is little room for mistakes or miscalculations.

Competition at the national level only becomes more difficult, and yet Jamie Levin has risen to the challenge and is currently ranked 11th in the United States. Over the summer, Jamie has maintained a rigorous training schedule at Mt. Hood and looks forward to competing internationally this winter. Jamie is the first member of the Telluride team to qualify for international competition, and citizens throughout the Western Slope will be following her races with great anticipation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Jamie Levin of Telluride, Colorado before this body of Congress and this nation. To excel in a sport as mentally and physically demanding as slalom snowboarding takes great courage, commitment and discipline. Jamie's competitive spirit and determination serves as an inspiration to us all, and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding American in this Congress. I wish her all the best with the rest of her season.

INTRODUCTION OF COLORADO SCHOOL LANDS BILL

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, I am today again introducing a bill to modify the 1875 Act—usually referred to as the Colorado Enabling Act—that provided for admission of Colorado to the Union.

The bill is similar to one I introduced in the 107th Congress. Its purpose is to remove any possible conflict between a decision of the people of Colorado and that original federal legislation under which some 3 million acres of federal lands were granted to our state.

In granting the lands to Colorado, Congress provided that they were to be used as a source of revenue for the public schools—and for many years they were managed for that purpose.

However, over the years the revenue derived from these lands has become a less and less significant part of the funding for Colorado's schools, while there has been an increasing appreciation of the other values of these lands.

As a result, in 1996 the people of Colorado voted to amend our state constitution to permit part of these school trust lands to be set aside in a "stewardship trust" and managed to preserve their open space, wildlife and other natural qualities.

To assure that this decision of the voters can be implemented, my bill would amend the original Colorado Enabling Act to modify the requirement that the state must raise revenue from the school-trust lands that are set aside for their natural resource values and qualities. Specifically, it would amend the 1875 Act to clearly allow the lands to be used for "open space, wildlife habitat, scenic value, or other natural values," while still requiring that "any income received for such uses or any other uses" of the lands will be used only for the public schools.

The bill does not include a specific limit on the acreage that could be placed in the stewardship trust, although the 1996 state legislation does set such a limit. I supported that part of the state legislation, but I think that whether that limit should be retained or revised should be decided solely by the people of Colorado, and not determined by Congress. So, under the bill I am introducing today that would be left to Colorado law to control.

Mr. Speaker, Colorado has been experiencing rapid population growth. That is putting increasing pressure on all our undeveloped lands. In response, the people of Colorado have voted to allow some of these school-grant lands to remain as open spaces to be managed for their wildlife and other natural resources and values. This bill will keep faith